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For : FATTY ACID EPOXYGENASE GENES FROM PLANTS AND USES  
THEREFOR IN MODIFYING FATTY ACID METABOLISM

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**RESPONSE TO MAY 4, 2007 COMMUNICATION**

This is a Response to the May 4, 2007 Communication issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 4, 2007 Communication is due within one (1) month from the mailing date, i.e. by June 4, 2007. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

The May 4, 2007 Communication alleged that the amended claims filed by Applicants on January 30, 2007 as a Submission accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are "non-responsive" under M.P.E.P. § 821.03. The May 4, 2007 Communication alleged that the claims as amended upon filing of the RCE are not readable on the elected invention because the present claims relate to SEQ ID NO: 2, whereas SEQ ID NOs: 3 and 4 were elected for search and examination.

**Applicants' Response**

Applicants initially thank Examiner McElwain for the opportunity afforded Applicants to discuss the May 4, 2007 Communication.